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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)** **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

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Los Angeles (LA) County is the most populous county in the United States (US). The US Census Bureau reports an estimated population of 10,170,292 living in Los Angeles County.

### **Population Density**

- 2,490 people per square mile.
- 3,482,516 housing units at an average density of 853 per square mile.

### **Housing**

- In L.A. County, Fair Market Rent, according to HUD, for a one-bedroom apartment during 2015 was \$1,103, which is 55% of the income of a family of four living at the federal poverty line.
- About 1 in 4 renters in L.A. County face extreme rent burden—paying 50% or more of their income on rent.

### **Poverty Estimates**

- The poverty rate for L.A. County increased from 16.1% of the population in 2009 to 18.7% in 2015.
- Over 1.8 million people in L.A. County live below the 2015 federal poverty threshold, which is \$24,250 per year for a family of four.
- Over 4 million people live below twice the federal poverty threshold in 2015 or \$48,500 for a family of four.
- According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, as of January 2016, there are approximately 46,874 homeless individuals within Los Angeles County.
- As of March 2016, the unemployment rate in Los Angeles County was 5.4%, which is slightly lower than the State of California at 5.6% but higher than the nation's unemployment rate at 5%.

### **CSBG Accomplishments in 2015**

Using \$5.6 million in CSBG funds, the Los Angeles County Community Action Agency, which is administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, provided services through 75 Community-Based Organizations. The estimated accomplishments in LA County were as follows:

- Approximately, 10,400 individuals including 3,800 families received some type of CSBG service(s) in Los Angeles County.
- 2,700 individuals/families received emergency food and/or shelter services.
- 800 individuals/families received protection from violence.
- 640 individuals/families received some form of legal assistance.
- 1,350 senior citizens received services that helped them maintain an independent living situation.
- 780 of the seniors served were individuals with disabilities.
- 690 youth increased their academic and social skills to achieve educational success.
- 350 youth improved social/emotional development and avoided risk taking behavior.
- 275 parents improved their parenting and family functioning skills.
- 200 individuals received employment services and obtained employment.

**CAB Vision: Successful self-sufficiency and well-being for all in Los Angeles County**

**CAB Mission: To 1) empower the poor to become self-sufficient, 2) alleviate poverty's immediate challenges, and 3) address poverty's underlying causes through community action and advocacy.**

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